the Eleventh Schedule to the Constitution and issue executive instructions devolving specific executive powers upon each tier of Panchayats, by the end of March, 2002.

Funds under Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) of the Ministry of Rural Development are released to the Panchayats directly.

Districts covered under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission

1177. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts covered under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission and the amount allocated during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(b) the number of new villages proposed to be covered in the scheme during 2001-2002 in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Drinking water supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations are implemented by the States from their own resources. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Drinking WaterJJupply component of the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). The State Government have the full powers to plan, sanction and implement individual rural drinking water supply schemes. The information regarding district-wise coverage status is not maintained at the

Government of India level. However, the habitation-wise Rural Water Supply coverage status, as per the information received from the State Governments is as follows:

Total Number of rural habitations	Number of Fully covered habitations	Number of Partially covered habitations	Number of Not covered habitations
1422664	1250318	153981	18365

(as per information received from the States/UTs till 16.11.2001.)

However, projects for implementation of Sector Reforms in identified pilot districts, to institutionalise community participation in Rural Water Supply activities, are sanctioned by the Government of India. 63 pilot districts have been identified for implementation of Sector Reform Projects out of which 62 have been sanctioned. Year-wise breakup of the number of sector Reform Projects sanctioned is as under:

S.No.	Year	Number of Sector Reform Projects sanctioned
1.	1998-1999	0
2.	1999-2000	42
3.	2000-2001	15
4.	2001-2002	5
	Total:	62

(b) The State Government of Karnataka has proposed to cover 10 Not Covered (NC) and 4990 Partially Covered (PC) rural habitations with drinking water supply facilities during 2001-02.

Funds for rural development scheme to Assam

1178. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not granting funds for rural development during last year and current year to Assam; and